

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

ELTON LEROY PUMPHREY,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Civ.Act.No. 08-297-GMS
)	
PERRY PHELPS, Warden)	
and JOSEPH R. BIDEN, III, Attorney)	
General for the State of Delaware)	
)	
Respondents.)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, respondents move for an extension of time in which to file an answer to the petition. In support thereof, respondents state the following:

1. The petitioner, Elton Pumphrey, has applied for federal habeas relief, alleging error by the state courts. D.I. 2. By the terms of the Court's order, the answer is due to be filed on July 7, 2008. D.I. 13.

2. Counsel has been in court for much of the past month and has been unable to complete respondents' answer to Mr. Pumphrey's petition. Additionally, counsel has been responsible for numerous handling matters in Justice of the Peace Court, Court of Common Pleas, Superior Court, and Supreme Court in the past several weeks. Furthermore, counsel will be out of the office for two weeks in August and, upon return, will be moving to another unit. Therefore, counsel anticipates that responsibility for responding to Mr. Pumphrey's petition for writ of habeas corpus will fall to another Deputy.

3. Under Habeas Rule 4, the Court has the discretion to give respondents an extension of time exceeding the 40-day limit in Civil Rule 81(a)(2). *Clutchette v. Rushen*, 770 F.2d 1469, 1473-74 & n.4 (9th Cir. 1985); *Kramer v. Jenkins*, 108 F.R.D. 429, 431-32 (N.D. Ill. 1985). The comment to Rule 4 expressly states that the district court has "the discretion to take into account various factors such as the respondent's workload" in determining the period of time that should be allowed to answer the petition.

4. This is respondents' first request for an extension of time in this case.

5. Respondents submit that an extension of time to and including September 1, 2008, in which to file an answer is reasonable. Respondents submit herewith a proposed order.

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DATE: July 31, 2008

RULE 7.1.1 CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have neither sought nor obtained the consent of the petitioner, who is incarcerated and appearing *pro se*, to the subject matter of this motion.

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Deputy Attorney General

Counsel for Respondents

Date: July 31, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 31, 2008, I electronically filed the attached documents with the Clerk of Court using CM/ECF. I also hereby certify that on July 31, 2008, I have mailed by United States Postal Service, the same documents to the following non-registered participant:

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ORDER

This _____ day of _____, 2008,

WHEREAS, respondents having requested an extension of time in which to file an answer, and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Court that the requested extension is timely made
and good cause has been shown for the extension,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that respondents' answer shall be filed on or before September 1, 2008.

United States District Judge